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Request for a subvention to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2010-2011

Eighth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the note by the Secretary-General (A/64/270) on the request for a subvention of $558,200 (before recosting) to the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research (UNIDIR) resulting from the recommendations of the Board of Trustees of the Institute on the work programme of the Institute for 2010-2011 (see A/64/261). During its consideration of the request, the Committee met with the Director and the Deputy Director of the Institute, who provided additional information and clarifications.

2. The request for a subvention to UNIDIR for the biennium 2010-2011 is presented by the Secretary-General in accordance with section IV, paragraph 2, of resolution 60/248, in which the General Assembly endorsed the proposal that the request for a subvention to UNIDIR be submitted for review and approval by the Assembly on a biennial basis in the context of its consideration of the proposed programme budget for the related biennium. The Advisory Committee notes that the request is consistent with what is contained in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011, which includes, under section 4, Disarmament, a provision for $558,200 representing the United Nations subvention to UNIDIR for 2010-2011 (see A/64/6 (Sect. 4) and Corr.1, para. 4.26). The Committee further notes that in the proposed programme budget extrabudgetary resources for the Trust Fund for UNIDIR for 2010-2011 are estimated at $3,793,000 (see A/64/6 (Sect. 4) and Corr.1, para. 4.10).

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3. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was provided with updated information, as at 12 November 2009, on the status of voluntary contributions for 2009 and 2010, which is presented in the table below:

Estimated income from voluntary contributions for 2009 and 2010

(United States dollars)

Voluntary contributions	*2009*	*2009 revised*	*2010*	*2010 re*
A. Governmental contributions	1 425 910	1 469 878	1 167 511	1 150
B. Public donations	1 148 779	1 166 926	60 951	62
Total voluntary contributions (A + B)	**2 574 689**	**2 636 805**	**1 228 462**	**1 212**
C. Inter-organization	18 000	18 000	20 000	20
Grand total (A + B + C)	**2 592 689**	**2 654 805**	**1 248 462**	**1 232**

4. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly approve the request for the subvention of $558,200 (before recosting) from the regular budget of the United Nations for the biennium 2010-2011, for which the provision has already been included under section 4, Disarmament, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium.**